Broad Gauge line from Guwahati to Dibrugarh via Nagaon, Jorhat and Sibsagar and alternatively for gauge conversion for existing M.G. line via Lumding—Dimapur have been carried out. Survey Reports have been forwarded to Planning Commission for their consideration.

New Delhi—Guwahati IA Flight

1995. SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay and frequent break-down of the Indian Airlines flights between New Delhi and Guwahati causing inconvenience and hardship to passengers;

(b) what are the reasons for not supplying reading materials especially the newspaper; in all the flights between New Delhi and Guwahati; and

(c) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration regarding the improvement of quality of food provided to the passengers in this flight spanning over three hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The on-time performance of Indian Airlines' flights between Delhi—Guwahati—Delhi during the period April—June, 1987 was 83.79 per cent. The delays were largely due to reasons beyond the control of Indian Airlines viz. inclement weather conditions and consequential delays etc.

(b) All efforts are made by Indian Airlines to ensure that inflight magazine 'Swagat' as well as newspapers are available on all the flights operating between New Delhi and Guwahati.

(c) Indian Airlines has seven different menues standardized on the entire Indian Airlines network for each day of the week, in respect of breakfast, lunch and dinner. Effort is continuously being made to improve quality of food provided to the passengers on this sector.

Financial Assistance to Tribal Artistes

1996. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Scheme under which Government provide financial assistance to tribal artistes in the field of dance, drama and other cultural programmes; and

(b) what is the amount of such assistance given to Orissa for its tribal folks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Seventh Five Year Plan, a Scheme for promotion and dissemination of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture has been formulated. It envisages financial assistance to voluntary organisation institutions and individuals both tribals and non-tribals for the preservation of tribal art and crafts. This Scheme is now in the initial stages of implementation.

(b) Does not arise.

C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in Orissa

1997. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and the Union Territories where C.G.H.S. dispensaries are in operation;

(b) the number of dispensaries State-wise, and the number of dispen

saries likely to be opened in 1987-88 in each State; and

(c) the districts and the locations proposed for opening C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Orissa in 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b)

State/Union Territories	No. of dispensaries in operation	No. of dispensaries likely to be opened in 1987-88
Delhi	80	7
Maharashtra	43	1
Uttar Pradesh	26	2
West Bengal	17	3
Karnataka	9	1
Tamil Nadu	13	1
Andhra Pradesh	11	3
Bihar	5	1
Rajasthan	4	...
Gujarat	3	...
Madhya Pradesh	...	3
Orissa	...	1
Punjab	...	3

(c) One C.G.H.S. allopathic dispensary has been sanctioned for the staff of AG's Office in Bhubaneshwar.

Road Accidents on National Highways

1998. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the fatal road accident occurred on the National Highways;

(b) whether Government have found out any measures to avoid accidents on National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The details of road accidents and